

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action dated November 28, 2005 claims 2, 4 - 8, 10 11 - 15, 20, and 22 were indicated as allowable if rewritten to avoid a rejection under 35 U.S.C. Section 112. The Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of these claims. Claims 17, 18, 22, and 23 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(b) as unpatentable over Vanderminden Sr., US Patent 5,499,585. Reconsideration of these claims in view of the amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

§112 Rejection

Claims 10 and 17 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. In view of these amendments, the Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112 be withdrawn.

§102(b) Rejection

Claim 17 has been amended to include the limitations of former claim 20, which has been indicated as allowable. In view of this amendment, the Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 17, 18, 22, and 23 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments claims 2, 4 – 8, 10 – 15, 17, 18, and 21 – 23 are believed to be in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance for these claims is respectfully requested.

No fees are believed necessary to enter this amendment. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due on this application to Deposit Account 17-0055. The Commissioner is also authorized to treat this amendment and any future reply in this matter requiring a petition for an extension of time as incorporating a

petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time as provided by 37 CFR § 136(a)(3).

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